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Draft decision submitted by the Coordinators of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999, Mr. Aurelio Fernandez (Spain) and Mrs. Julia Tavares de Alvarez (Dominican Republic)

Options for the future review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing

The Commission for Social Development, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on options for the future review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing,[1] decides:

(a) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General;

(b) To emphasize the importance of the improvement of data collection in the field of ageing to the review and appraisal exercise;

(c) To stress the need for a more focused [and substantially improved] method of monitoring the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, which may involve strengthening, reformulating or changing the current methodology;

(d) To stress the need to introduce a gender perspective into the review and appraisal process of the Plan of Action;

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[1] E/CN.5/1998/5.

(e) To [welcome] [take note of] the reorganization of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the opportunities for better synergies that it offers, including making better use of the existing information, expertise, statistical, research and technical assistance capacities already available to the Department;

(f) To request the Secretary-General to explore ways of using these opportunities in order to strengthen the Secretariat's capacity to review the implementation of the Plan of Action;

(g) To request the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to continue its contact with the United Nations Development Programme in order to explore, among other possibilities, the feasibility of an ageing-related development index to be included in the Human Development Report;

(h) To invite the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to draw up, for further discussion by the Commission, proposals on developing an Internet database on public policies and programmes on ageing;

(i) To request the Secretary-General to submit to it at its thirty-seventh session, a report on action taken to implement the present decision and on further possible options for substantially improving the reliability, validity and practicability of the current review and appraisal exercise, focusing in particular on priorities identified in ongoing preparatory discussions for the International Year of Older Persons.